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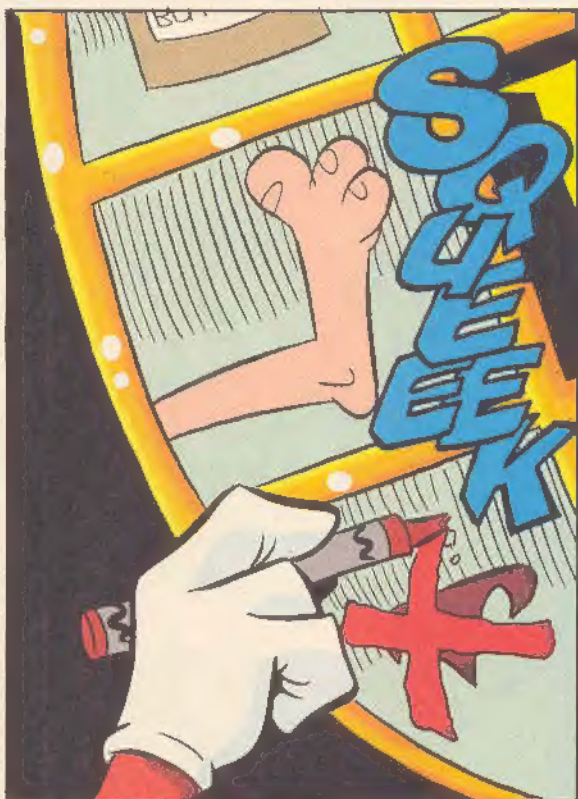
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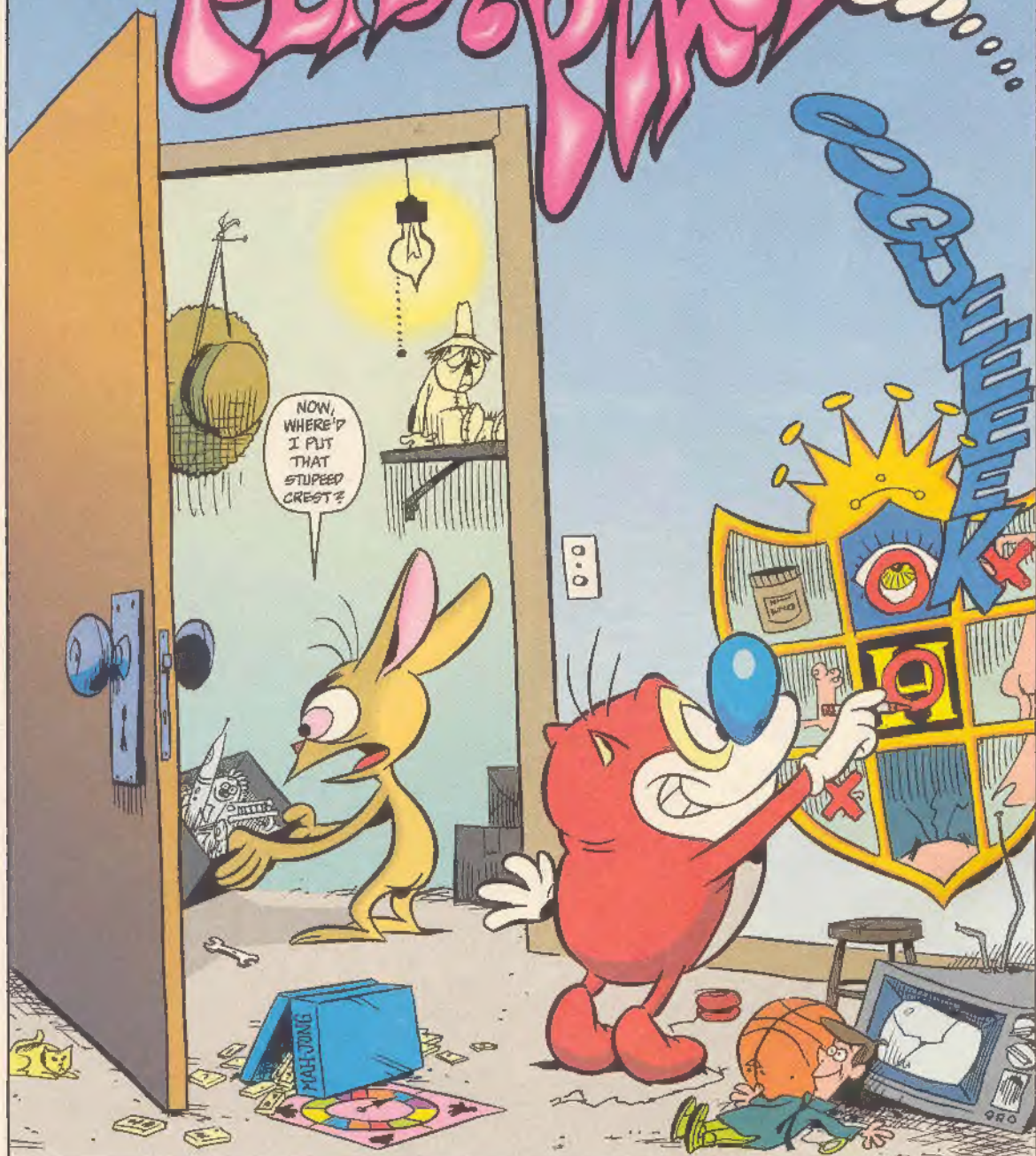


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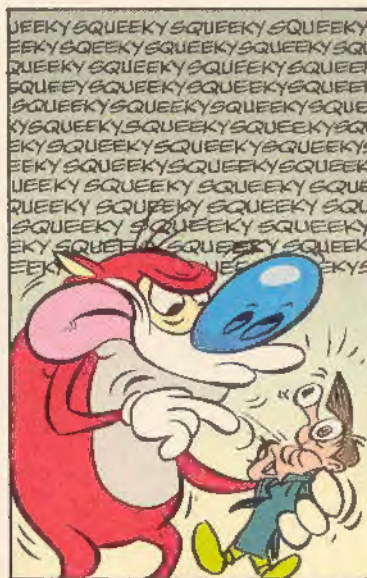
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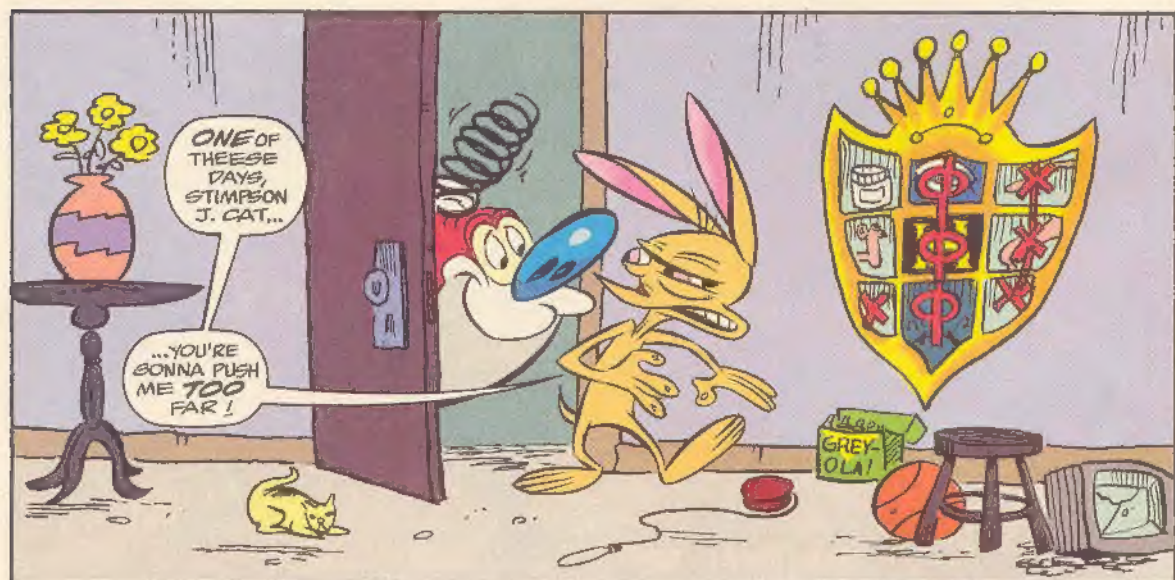
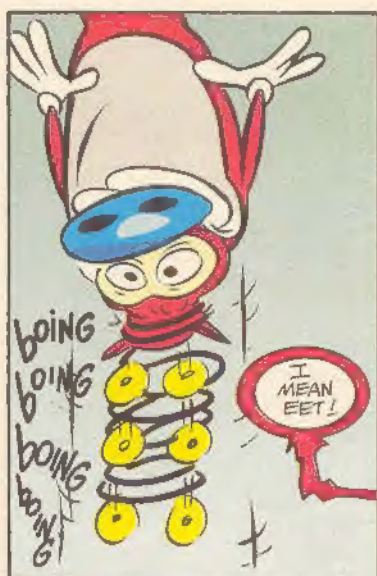
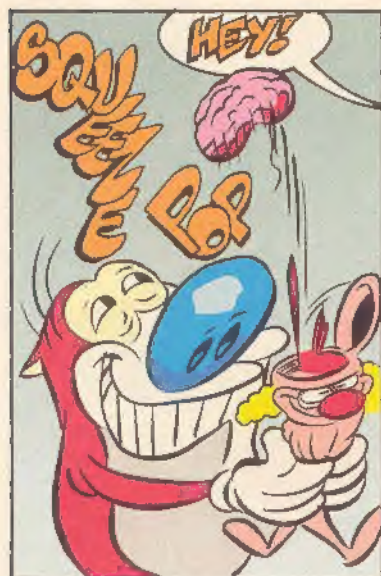
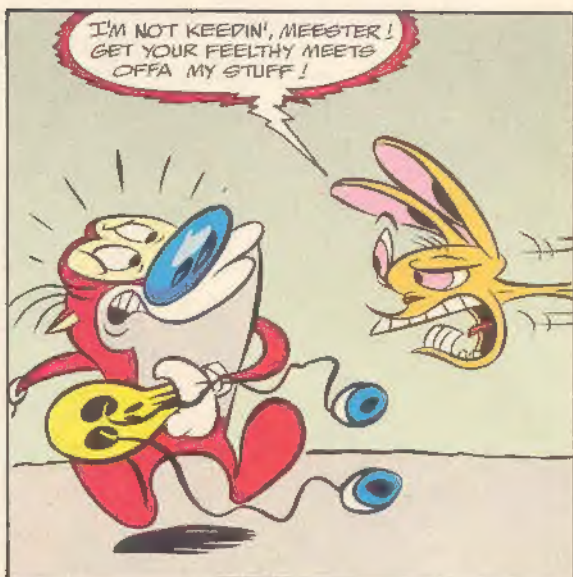
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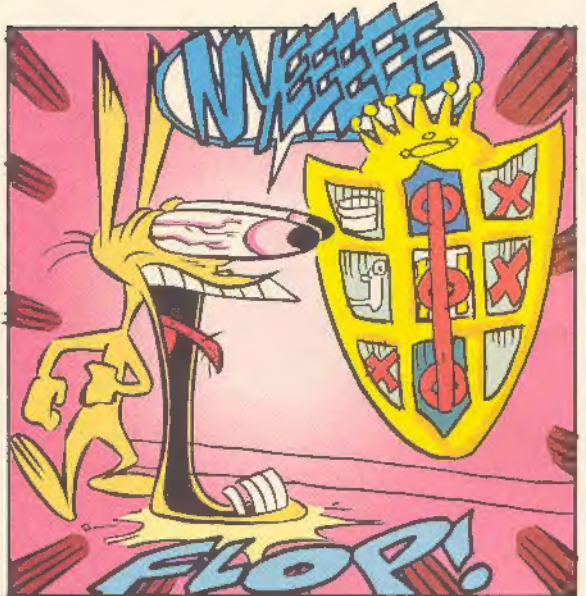
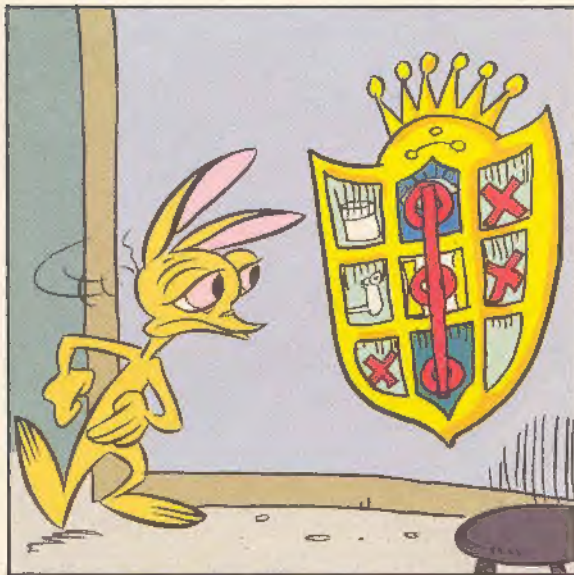
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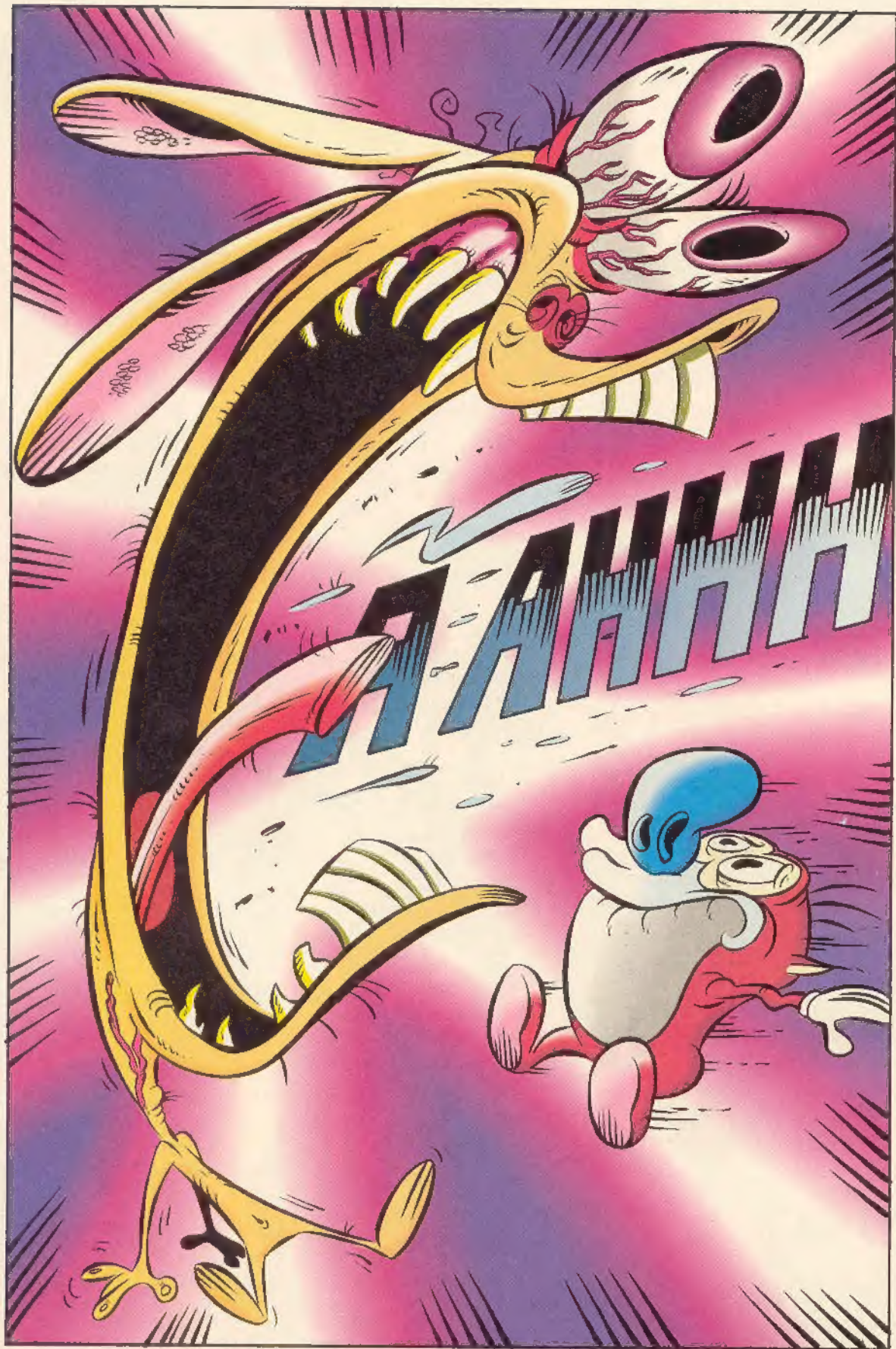
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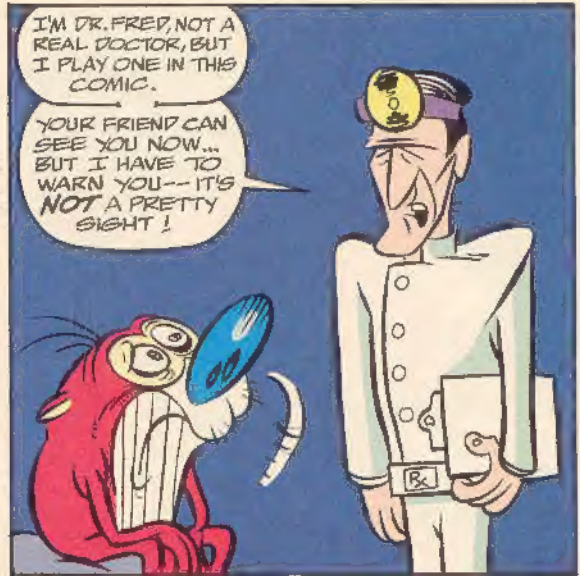
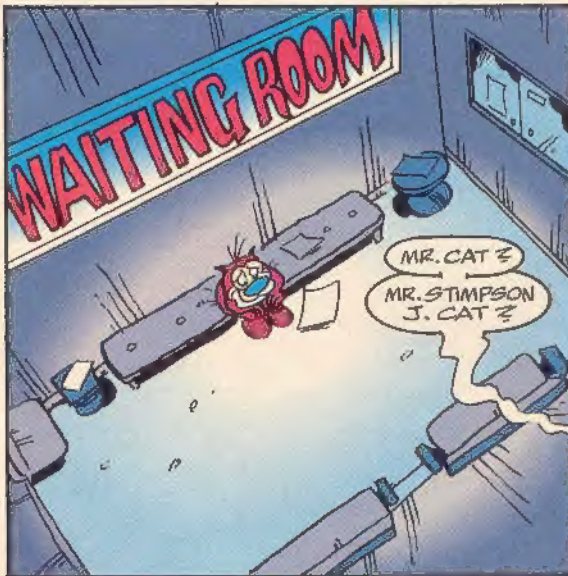
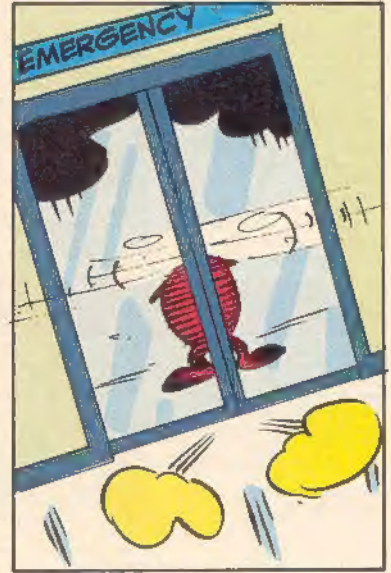
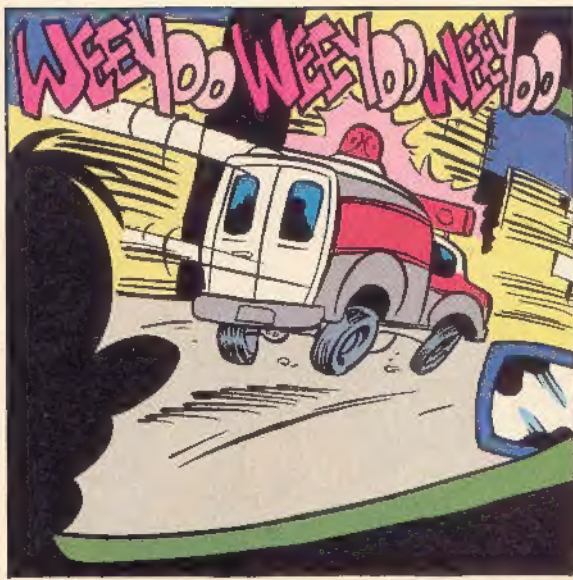
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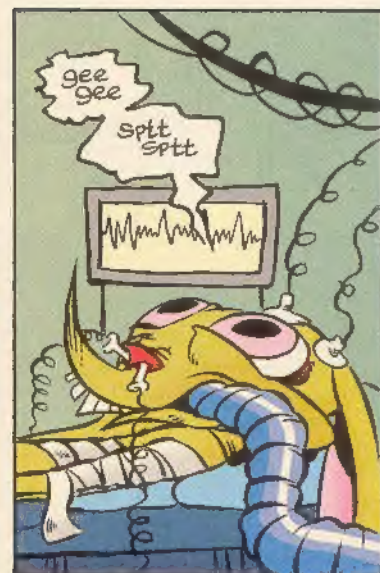










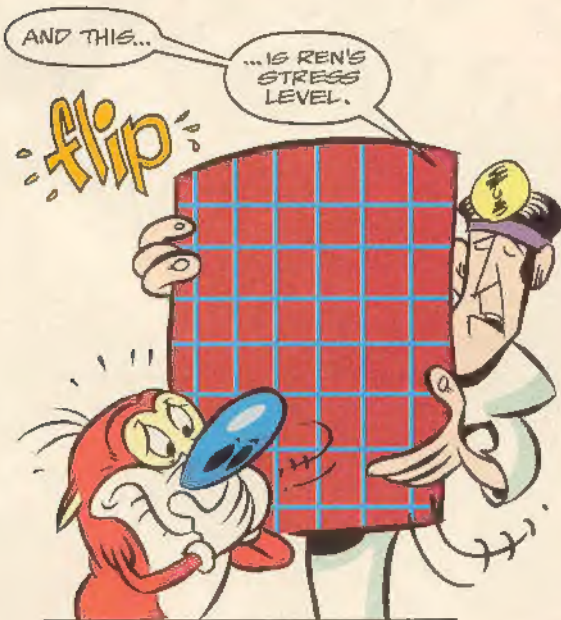
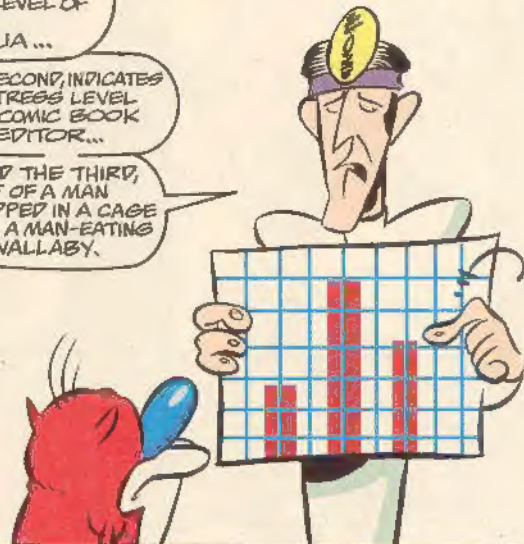
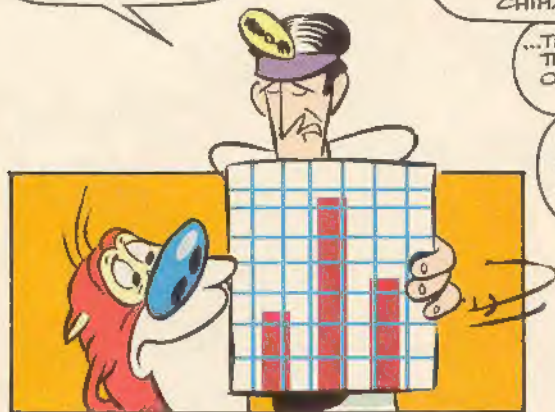


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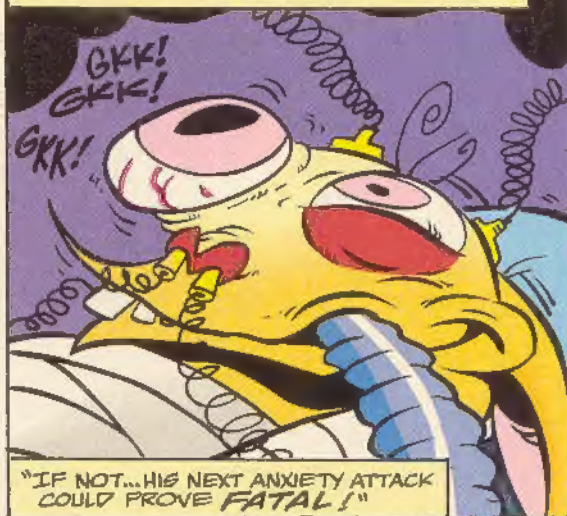
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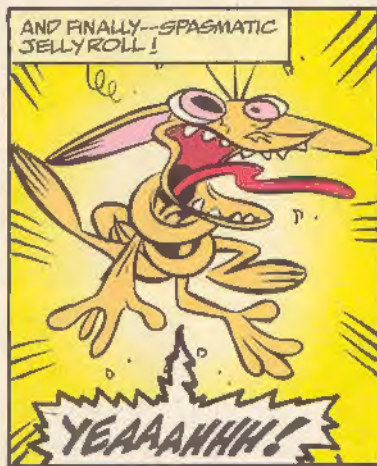
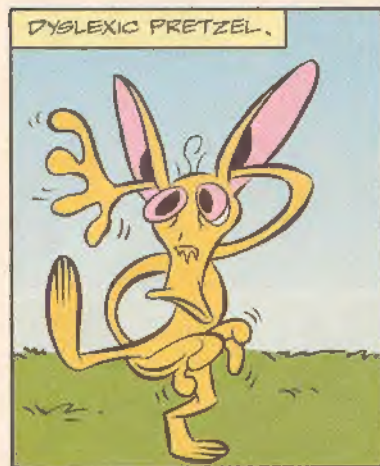
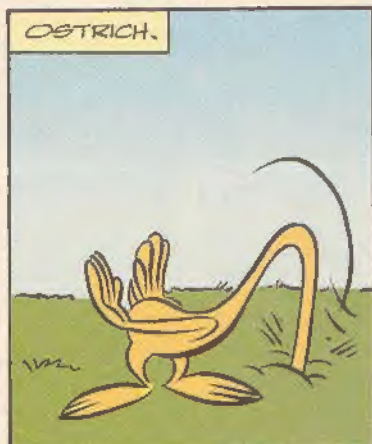
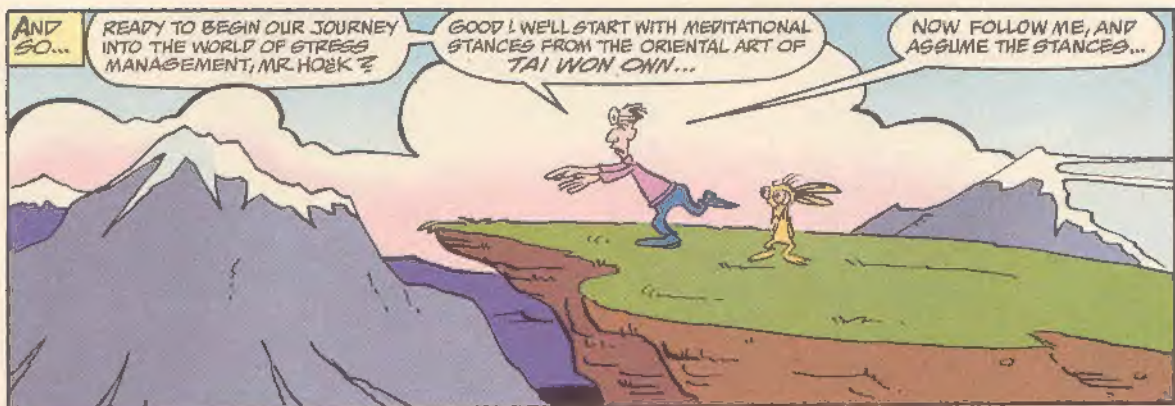
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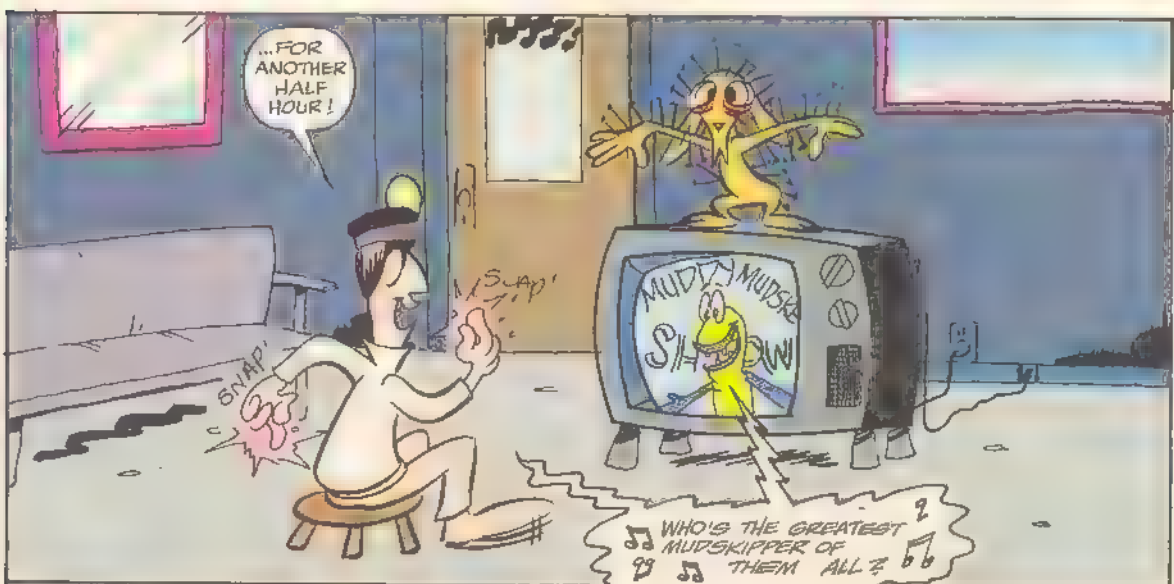
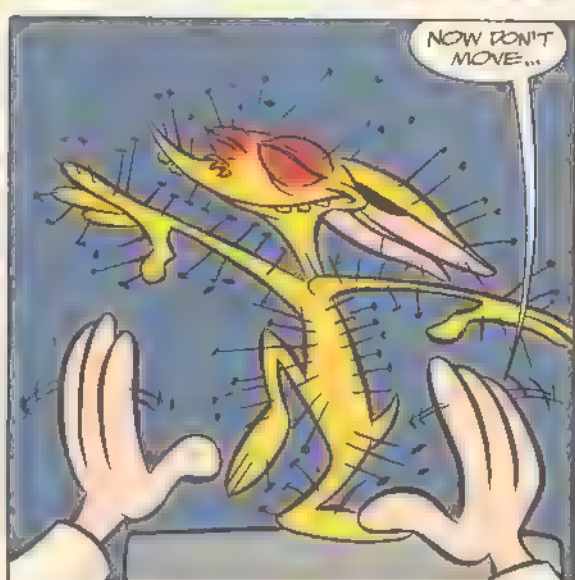
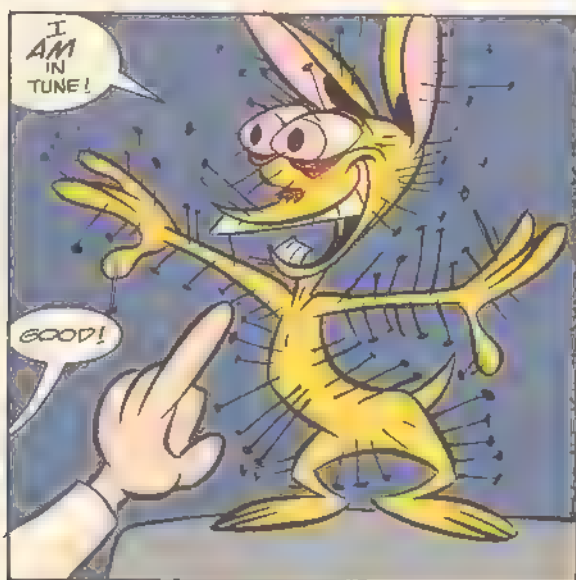
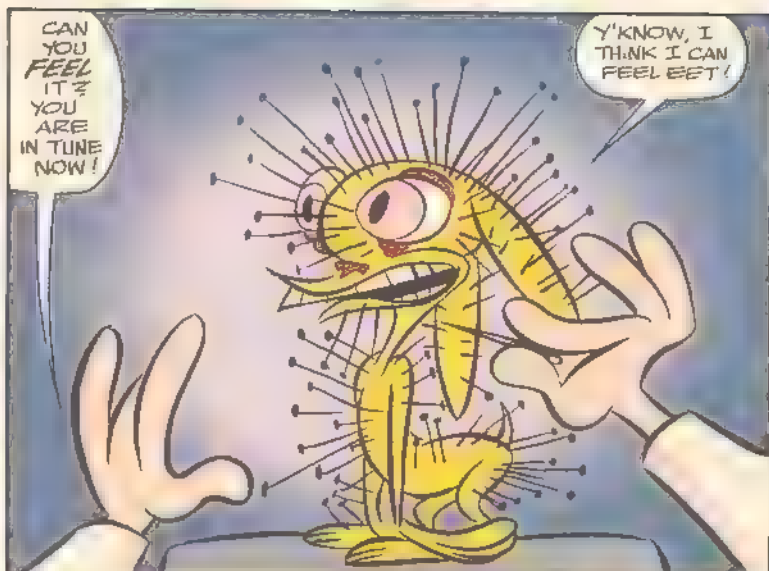
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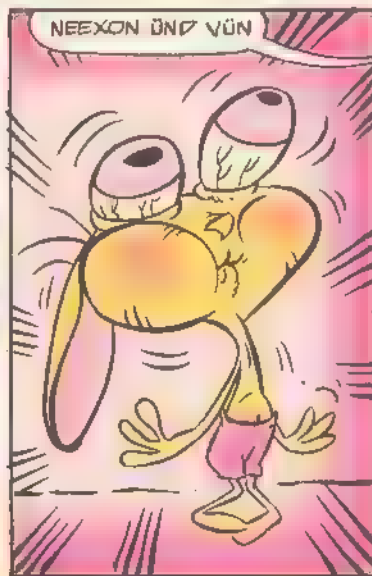
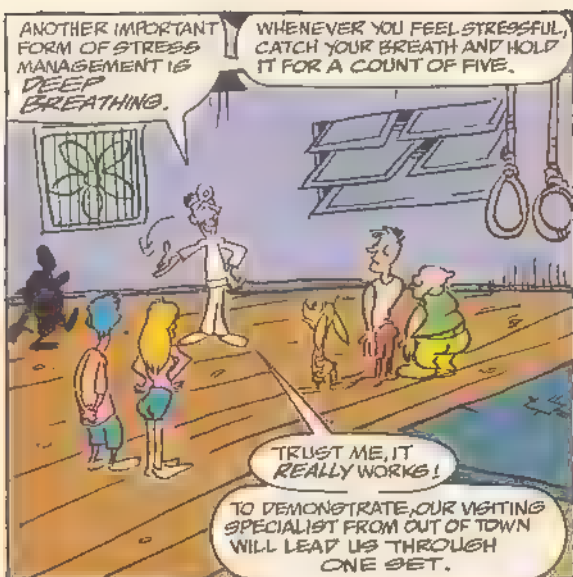


"PRECISELY! I SUGGEST THAT YOUR FRIEND TAKE MY STRESS MANAGEMENT COURSE!"









BULLEPEN BULLETINS

CARL'S CASTINGS

As someone known for his interest in aquatic life forms (whether they're in an aquarium or in an ocean), it's only appropriate that I pontificate in terms that I'm familiar with. Let's dive right in and see if I can pull it off without making a "gaff!"

When fishing waters rich in a variety of species, you have to go with the right lure and technique for the kind of fish you want — when rapidly changing weather conditions make the piscians cautious.

At Marvel/Epic we cast our lines in hopes of hooking up with pretty properties with substance — comics that will excite and entertain, that are created by some of the best talents in the industry.

Competition for such properties is sometimes fierce in the rapidly changing comics market. What then attracts top talents like Peter David, George Perez, Ron Lim, Chuck Dixon and many others to Marvel/Epic? We offer true creator ownership, quality editorial and production support and top flight promotion — all by Marvel, the biggest and the best in the business. We use substance to attract substantial creators and properties. As Peter David says, "You've tried the rest, now try the best."

Continuing with the fishing analogy, one of the promotional lures we're using to prompt

titles is a bound-in trading card in each and every Heavy Hitters issue (not just the #1's) on sale from September through December — are 23 cards in all.

Once you've sampled them, we're betting you'll get hooked on our Heavy Hitters line of action adventure comics. Ask for them at your local comic book shop.

Carl Potts

— Carl Potts

If you thought the first wave of Epic's Heavy Hitter titles were pretty heavy, you'd better hold on to your love handles, because the second flight is so action-packed it's enough to make the Blob burst. Marvel/Epic Comics Executive Editor Carl Potts chewed the fat with us about the new group of Heavy Hitters, which will be throwing their weight around your local comics shop this Fall.

The first book to weigh in is **SACHS & VIOLENS** by those two creative heavyweights, Peter David and George Perez. **SACHS & VIOLENS** is a four-issue monthly limited series about a fashion photographer/former military man named Ernie Violen, and his favorite model, Jennifer Sachs, who investigate a murder. Carl said **SACHS & VIOLENS** "explores the connection between sex and violence," but promised it won't be heavy-handed! It will, however, be aimed at a mature audience.

Next Carl gave us the skinny on **TERRARISTS**, a 4-issue monthly limited series which comes to us from **MARSHAL LAW** creator Pat Mills and Tony Skinner, with fully-painted art by John Erasmus. **TERRARISTS** takes place in the not too-distant future, when the ecological state of the planet is so bad that the Earth creates a team of Eco-Warriors to save it. (Go Planet!) Carl said **TERRARISTS** is "jammed full of action, strong characters, and twists and turns."

The heaviest Hitter to date is the **HEAVY HITTERS ANNUAL**, a pleasantly plump 64-page one-shot which features a pseudo-crossover of **FEUD**, **SPYKE**, **LAWDOG**, **ALIEN LEGION**, and **TROUBLE WITH GIRLS** in twelve-page stories each. Although the characters from the different series don't actually meet each other, they must deal with the threat of reality bombs from Law-

dog's universe. The wrap-around cover is a jam by all the artists on the inside.

Another crossover you'll want to weight-watch out for is **LAWDOG VS. GRIMMOD** (from **ALIEN LEGION**). That one's by **Chuck Dixon** and new **PUNISHER** penciler **Hoang Nguyen**, with a cover by **Flint Henry**.

One book that can really hold its heavy water is **DRAGON LINES: THE WAY OF THE WARRIOR**. This one runs for two issues, with the same creative team as the first **DRAGON LINES**, **Peter Quinones** and **Ron Lim**. Editor **David Wohl** (he ain't Heavy Hitter — he's my brother!) informed us that **DL2** introduces a new character known as **Tao**, who "has incredible power and doesn't know how to use it." Dave feels a special fondness for **DRAGON LINES**, as "my role as the trickster at Marvel is much like the Monkey King's role in the universe."

Tipping the Epic scales are tons of other projects, including: **BINARY DEEP**, an **ALIEN LEGION** one-shot by **Chuck Dixon** and **Alacatena**, which has Montroc on a quest to free his father. **LAWDOG** continues as a monthly series by **Chuck Dixon** and **Flint Henry**. **WAR MAN** is a two-issue limited series about an arms dealer who is forced to confront the reality of violence, served up by **Chuck Dixon** and **Zanotto**. And **BRATS BIZARRE** a 4-issue limited series by **Mills**, **Skinner**, and **Duke Mighiten** deals with super-powered ninnys.

Each book in the second wave of Heavy Hitters (including issues #7-10 of **LAWDOG**) will come with a trading card bound inside — but not bagged Stressed Carl. "We don't like bags. We want people to see what they're buying."

There you have it, actions-lovers. These books are coming soon, so get ready to get heavy-sat... and go down to your comics shop for a steady diet of action and adventure from the Heavy Hitters line!



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- ☐ AIRTIGHT GARAGE #4 OF 4: The garage is closed!
- ☐ AVENGERS WEST COAST #99: Subliminal!
- ☐ CABLE #8: This, that, and the other.
- ☐ CAGE #19: See Cage portrayed in CAPTAIN AMERICA #420: The new skull in town — the Blazing Skull!
- ☐ CHILDREN OF THE VOYAGER #2 OF 4: Join the voyage!
- ☐ DAREDEVIL #32: Cover glows in the dark! (Not that DD would notice.)
- ☐ DARK GUARD #1: A Marvel UK

- ☐ hero will die!
- ☐ DARKHAWK #32: Savage Steel returns!
- ☐ DEATH'S HEAD 2 & KILLPOWER: BATTLE DEATH #3 OF 4.
- ☐ GREATEST BATTLES OF THE AVENGERS TPB: We've

- GROO THE WANDERER #105: Groo the Wanderer!
- GUN RUNNER #1 OF 6: Gun Pool!
- IMMORTALIS #2 OF 4: Immortalis!
- Or Strange
- KILLPOWER: THE EARLY YEARS #2 OF 4: Killpower!

- ☐ MARVEL COMICS #138: Marvel Comics!
- ☐ NAMOR #43: Stung by Stingray!
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- ☐ SHE-HULK #58: The Hulk goes to court!
- ☐ SILVER SURFER ANNUAL #8: Silver Surfer!

- SPIDER MAN 2099 #12: Spider Man 2099!
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- ☐ THOR CORPS #2 OF 4: Invaded by the Invaders!
- ☐ THUNDERSTRIKE #1: Thunder strikes twice!
- ☐ UNCANNY X-MEN #305: An X-Man defect!
- ☐ WARLOCK CHRONICLES #4: Warlock Chronicles!
- WEB OF SPIDER MAN #106: Web of Spider Man!
- X-MEN #9 MARVEL MILESTONE: Reprinting this classic X-Men Avengers clash! Happy 30TH!

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THE TIME HAS COME MR. HOEK ! I THINK YOU'RE FINALLY READY FOR...

...THE ULTIMATE STRESS MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE !

EETS NOT GOING TO HURT EES EET Z

ORANGE STARS PINK HEARTS.

BLUE DIAMONDS AND PURPLE HORSE-SHOES!

OHhh

GREEN CLOVERS YELLOW MOONS.

THE COLLARS!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE DUDE! LIKE PULL OVER, MAN!

KARMA POLICE!

**KARMA
POLICE!**

NOW CLOSE YOUR EYES,
RELAX, AND IMAGINE
YOURSELF IN A
PEACEFUL PLACE...

THAT'S
RIGHT...

AHHHHHHHHH!

PEEEEEEEACEFUL...

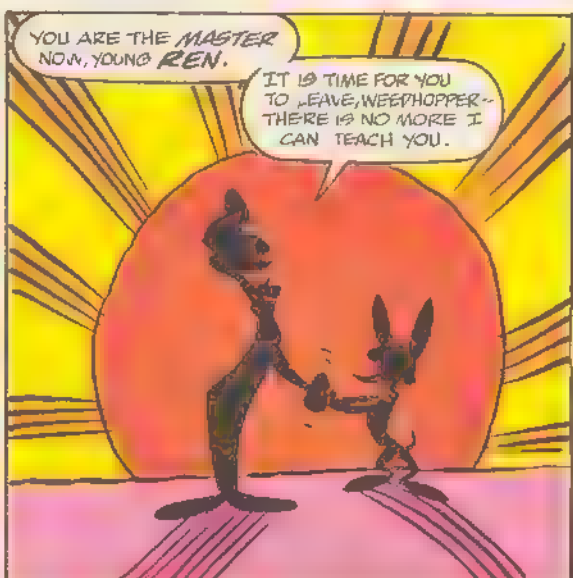
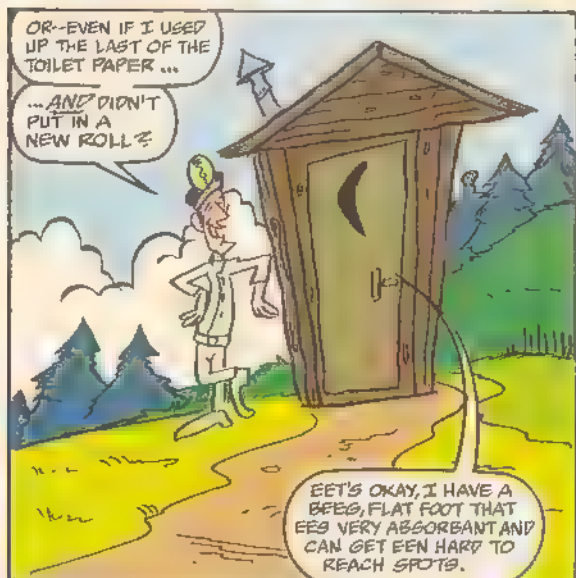
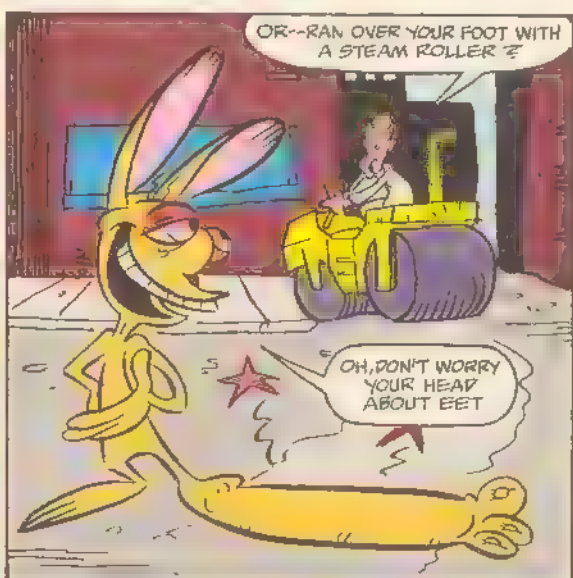
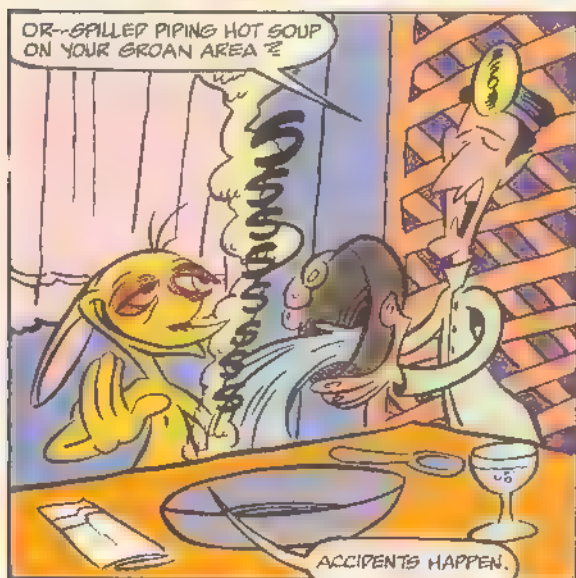
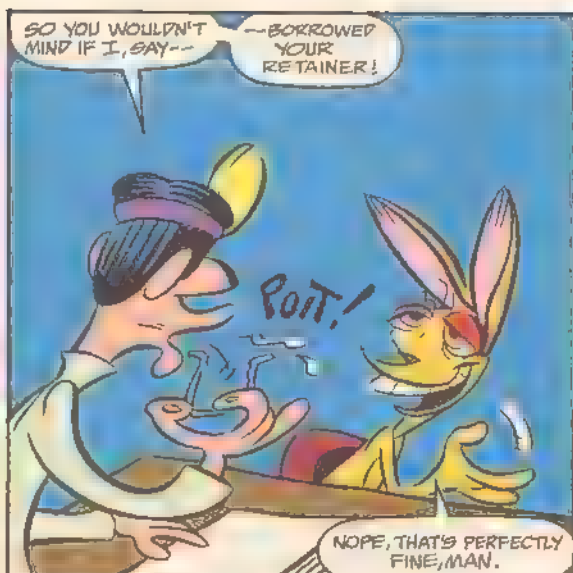
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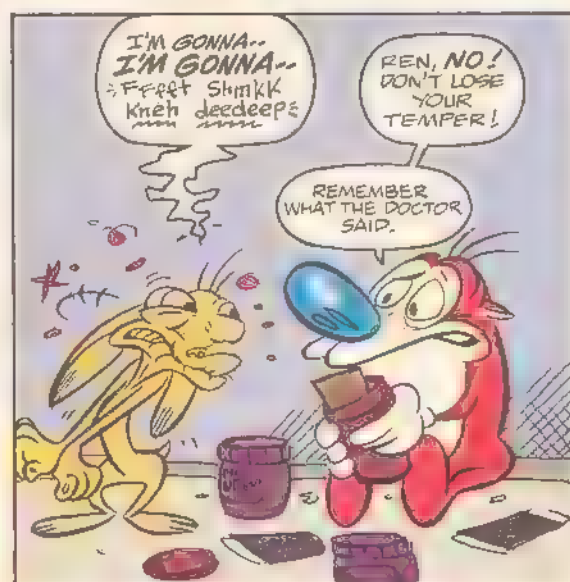
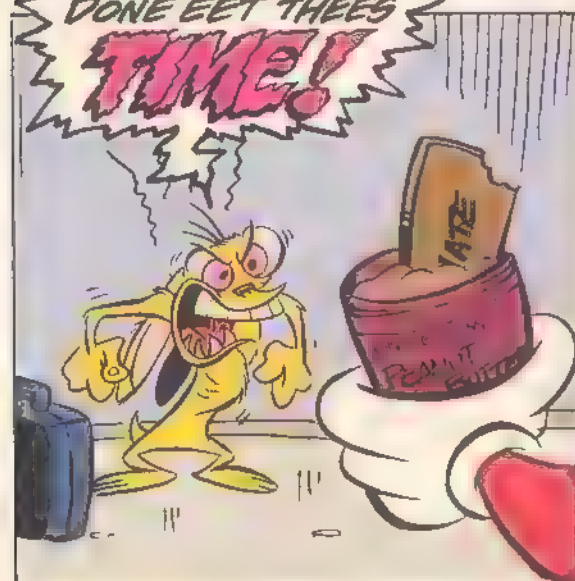
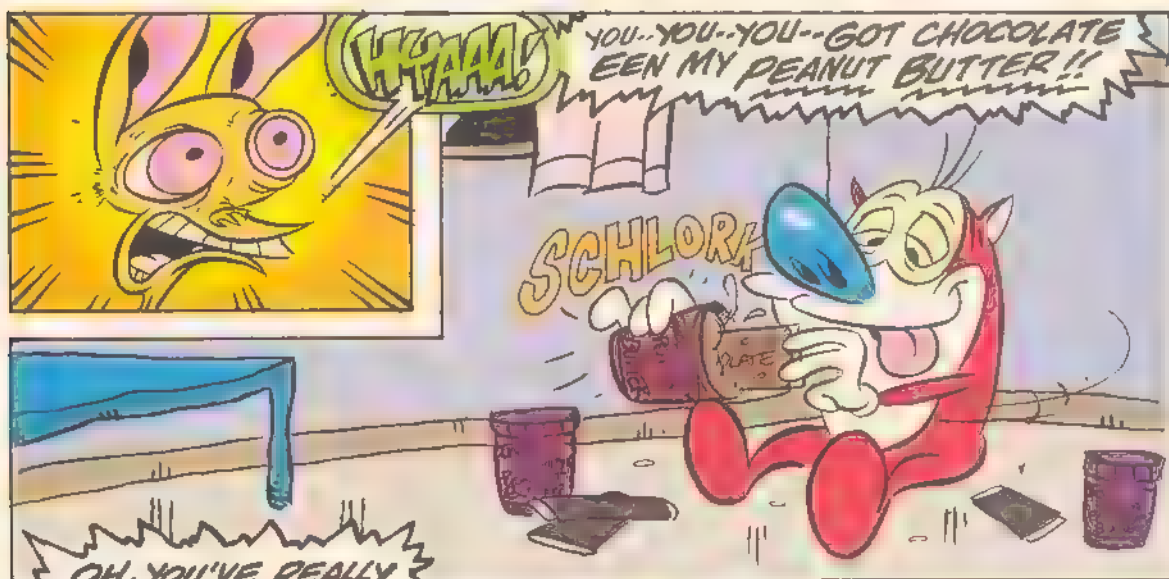
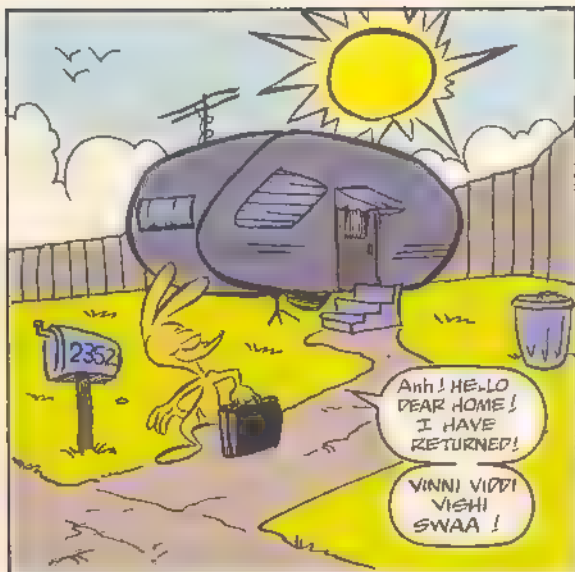
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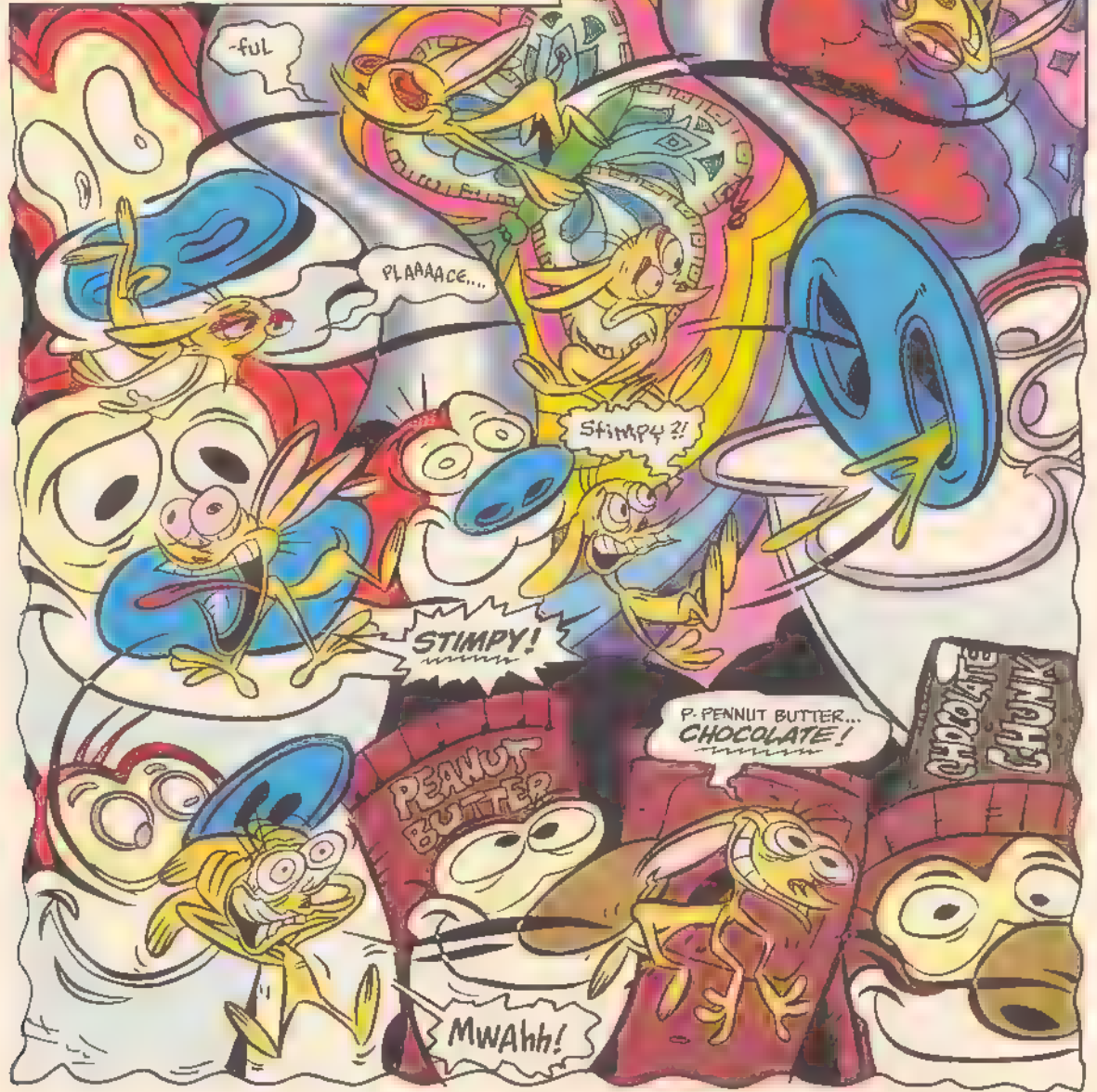
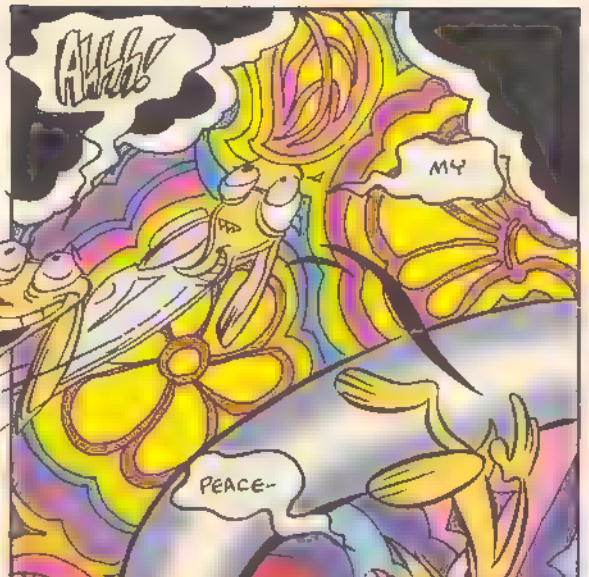
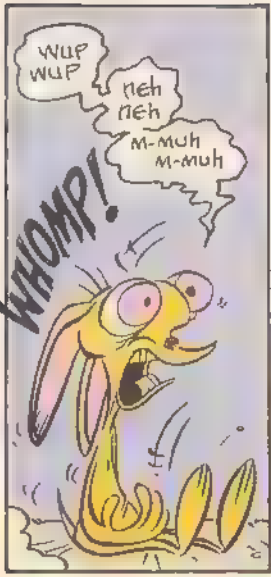
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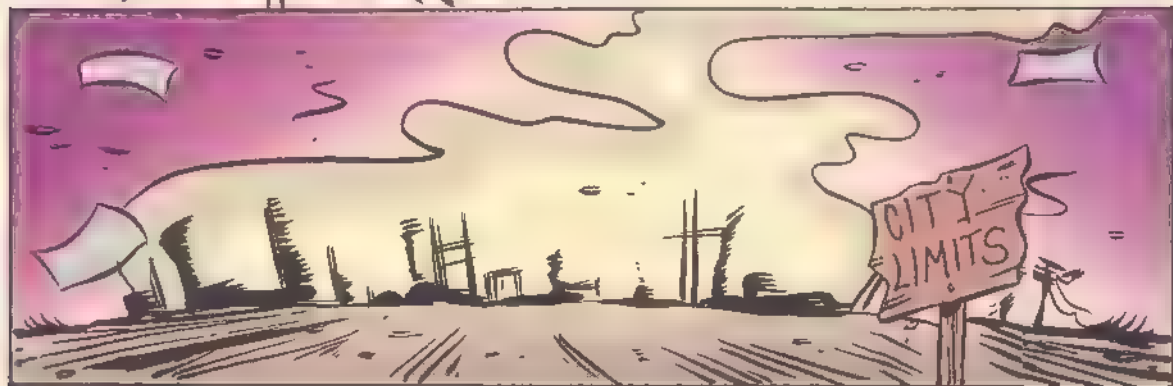
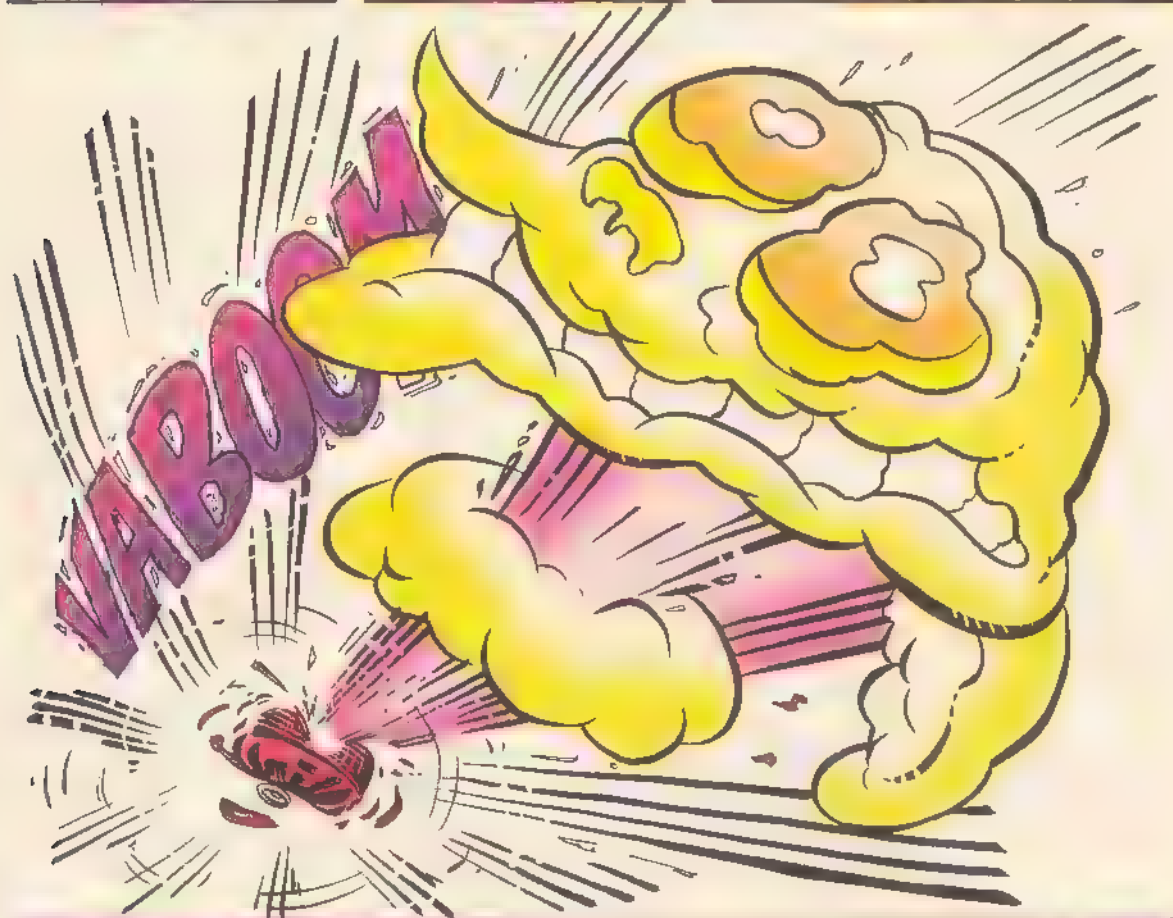
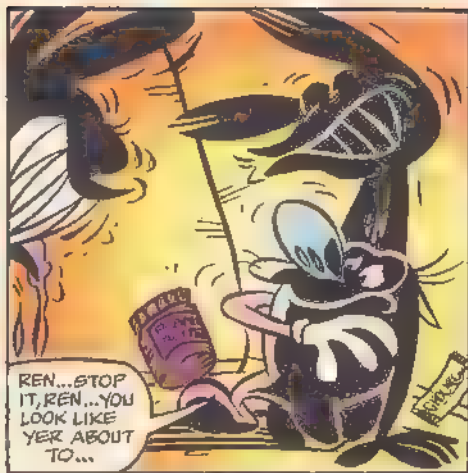
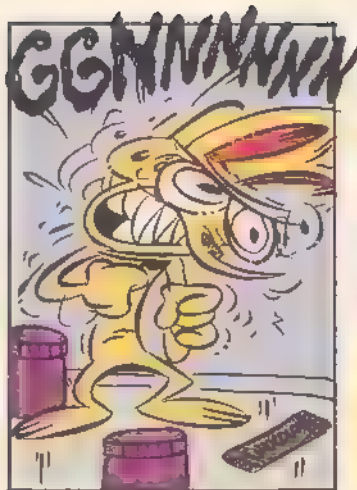
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WEREN'TCHA?

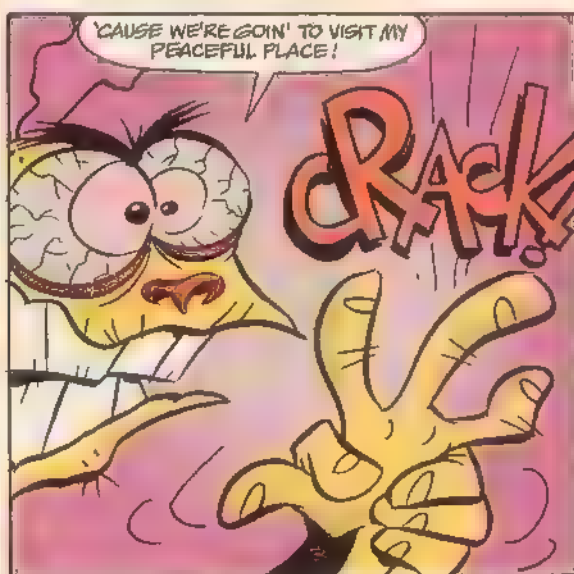
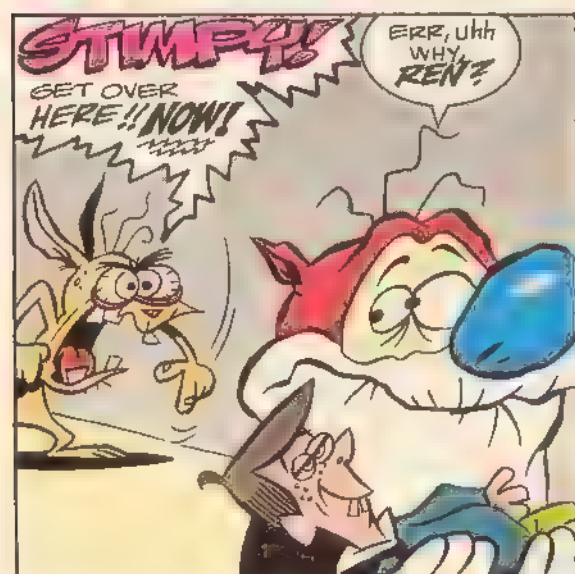
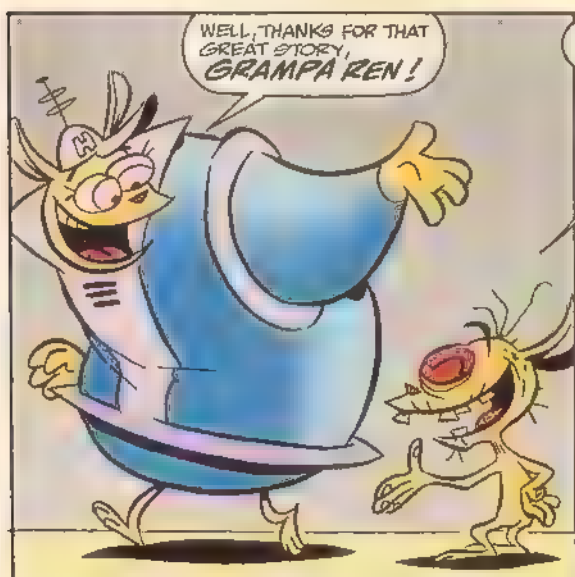
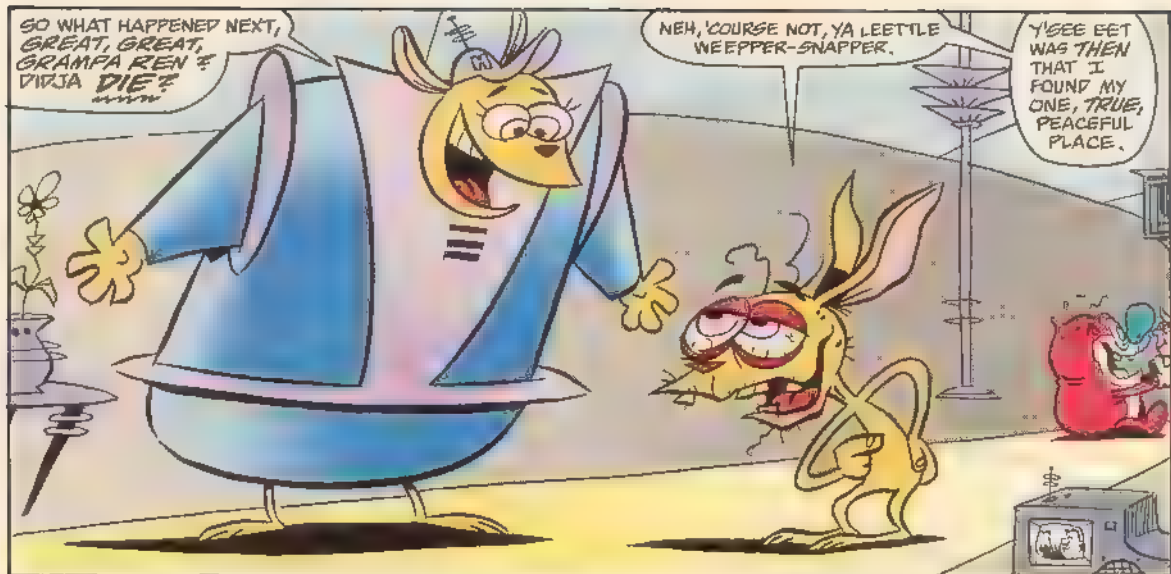
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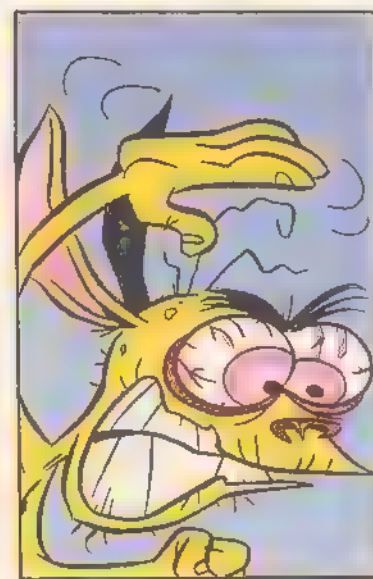
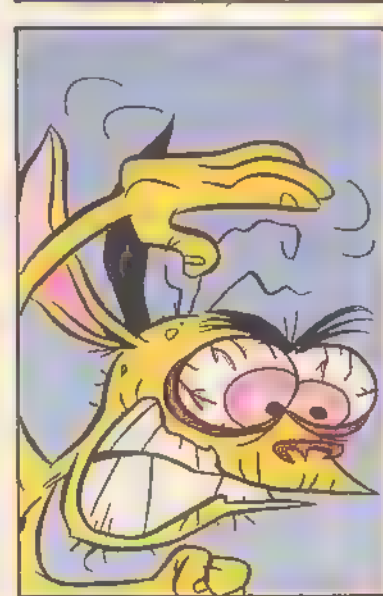
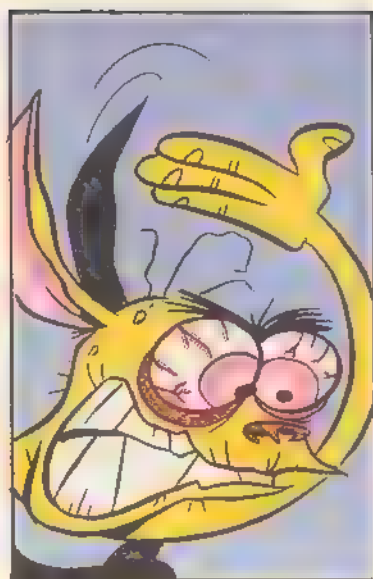






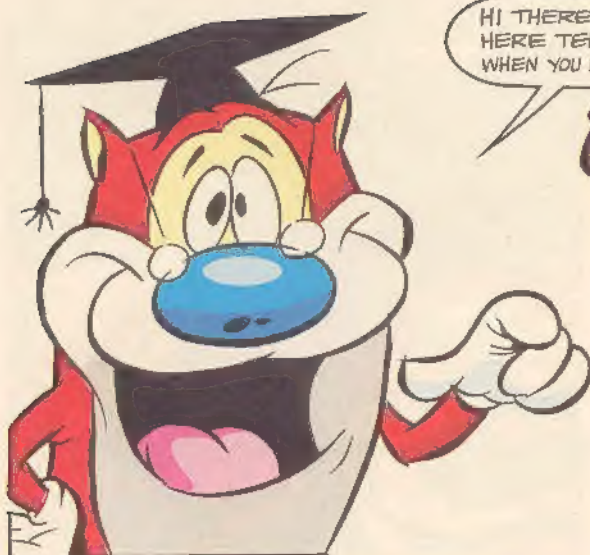






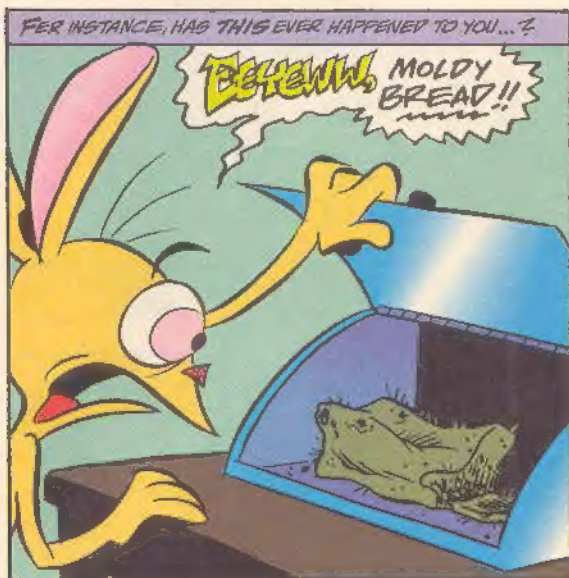


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HI THERE, KIDS, **DOCTOR STUPID**
HERE TELLIN' YOU THAT *SOMETIMES*,
WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT--

YOU CAN EAT IT!



FER INSTANCE, HAS THIS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU...?

EYEW! MOLDY
BREAD!!



DARN EET MAN, I
REALLY WANTED
SOME, TOO!
BUT WE ALL KNOW
YOU CAN'T
EAT MOLD!

NOT SO, FRIEND!
OL' MR. CHEESE
HERE'S A FORM
OF MOLD!



MMMMM!
CHEESE!

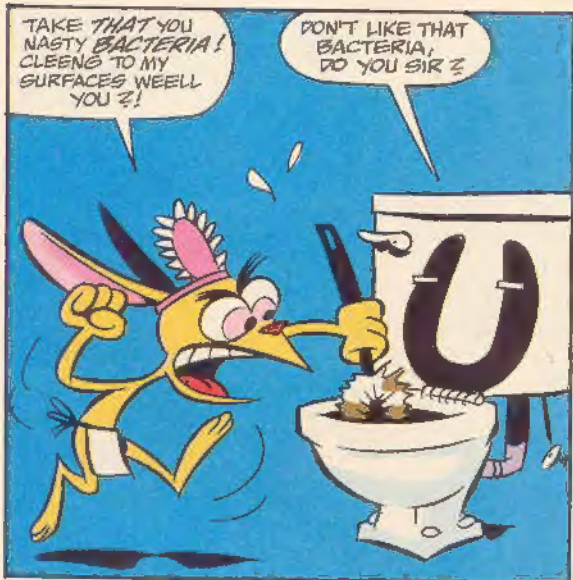
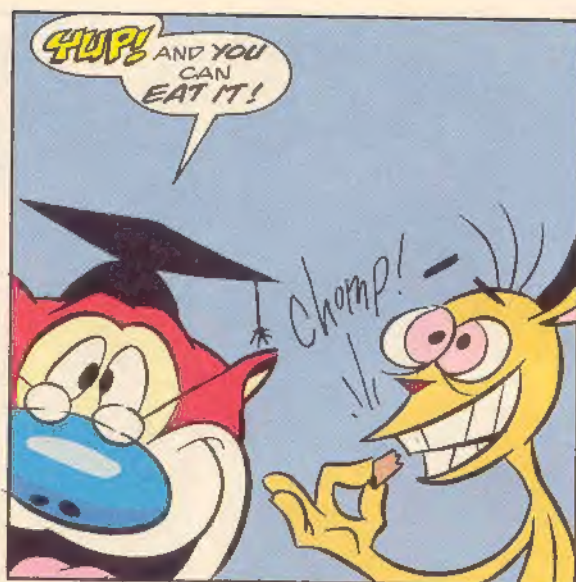
AND YOU
CAN EAT
IT!!

Chomp!



AHHH!
FOOT FUNGUS!

NOW THERE'S
SOMETHING I
WOULDN'T WANT
NEAR MY MOUTH!



ASK DR. STUPID

OUR FIRST QUESTION COMES FROM BLAKE RANDOLPH OF NOVATO, CA., WHO ASKS:

DEAR DR. STUPID, WILL THIS QUESTION BE IN A COMIC BOOK?

NO.



Dear Dr. Stupid,
What should I do if somebody at school beats me up?

Kyle McGrath
8710 158th St. E.
Puyallup, WA 98373

What you should do, Kyle, is bleed. If this does not occur, consult your physician.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
Where do you go when you die?

Adrian Wakefield
13231 Woods Lake Rd.
Monroe, WA 98272

I can't speak for others, Adrian, but I believe that when I die, I'll go into syndication.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
I am 8 years old and I really enjoy reading your comic book with my older brother. This is my favorite comic book! I have all of them, but I am missing #3 and #4. Anyway, here's my Dr. Stupid question.

What came first the chicken or the egg?

Daniel Nowacki
Roseville, CA

Actually Daniel, both appeared simultaneously as a chicken omelet.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
When I burn ants on the sidewalk with my magnifying glass, why do they stink so bad?

Dave Welch
108 Walnut St.
Shelby, OH 44875

Well Dave, what is actually tickling your nostrils is the scent of your own immortal soul. . .

Dear Dr. Stupid,
How are you?

Jared Ford
Turlock, CA

Fine. Thanks for asking.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
What is the purpose of algebra?

Paul Pasek
6742 Beresford Ave.
Parma Hts., OH

Read on, Paul, read on. All will be revealed.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
How come sheep don't shrink in the rain?

Mike & Keri Kuhn
1872 Candlewick
St. Louis, MO 63131

Algebra.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
Why do hamsters stuff their cheeks? And how do I get a girlfriend?

Patrick Trimble
61 S. Euclid Ave.
Bellevue, PA 15202

Ironically Patrick, your first question answers your second.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
I was wondering if people have rain dance practice. If they do, and it rains, do they call it off? And if it doesn't rain, how do they know they have it right?

Kit Conaway
Roseland, VA

Algebra.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
Why does Jupiter have a big red spot?

Ryan Rowen
Napa, CA

He eats greasy foods.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
Why is the grass always greener on the other side?

Tom Reed
245 Miami Lakes Dr.
Milford, OH 45150

There are three popular theories to this age-old question, Tom —

1) Your neighbor waters his lawn with a glass that's half full, and you use one that's half empty.

2) 'Cause your neighbor dumps his crud in your lawn.

And 3) Algebra.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
Sometimes kids get presents from Santa that say "Made in China" on the box. How come?

Matt J. Thipod
Sayreville, NJ

Two words Matt: Union Elves.

Dear Dr. Stupid,
I like Ren & Stimpy most. But I wonder what makes you guys move.

Carey Johnson
Address Withheld

Beans. Lots of beans, and, of course. . . ALGEBRA!

Dear Dr. Stupid,
Why does school food taste so bad?

Joel Ferrari
Empire, MI

Well Joel, the food that you're eating is food that hasn't passed all of its tests, and therefore has been "held back." If said food had graduated it would have gone on to an institute of higher education or maybe a three star restaurant.

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